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Dear Sir:

Applicants are submitting herewith copies of the following patent documents:

United States Patent No. 5,465,169;

European Application No. 0 449 047 A2;

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Article: A Study Of High Pretilt Angle Generation In Nematic Liquid Crystal (5CB) On Rubbed Polythiophene Surfaces With Alkyl Chain Lengths.

The above listed documents are set forth together with the applicants and issue or publication date thereof in the attached PTO Form 1449. The listed documents were cited in the European search report for European Application No. EP 99203378.7, under which priority of the captioned application is claimed.

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A copy of the European search report is attached.

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